

of the United States, the citizens inhabiting the same, of suppressing Indian hostilities, to accept the service of a number of mounted volunteers not exceeding 3,000, and to employ as scouts, guides, interpreters, messengers, and men, to be employed as rangers, scouts, or guides, as circumstances may require, to serve twelve months, or as soon as directed; the number of privates in each company not to exceed sixty-four, provided that said privates may be required to perform foot service, if deemed necessary.

The debate here sprung up relative to the character of the engagement near Fort Laramie, in which Mr. HILBRED contended that the Indians were the aggressors.